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William M. Pierce
David A. Bernhardt
09/017,959
February 3, 1998
BOWLING BALL FINGER GRIP

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Attorney Docket No. 8117-000021

**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND
EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST
(IF REQUIRED)**

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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	Claims Remaining		Highest No. Previously Paid		Number Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	-	20	=	0	x	\$22.00	=	00.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$82.00	=	00.00
Surcharge For Multiple Dependent Claim First Added							+\$270.00	=	
[] Applicant requests a ____ month extension of time for response to the outstanding Office Action. The large entity fee is									00.00
TOTAL									00.00
[] SMALL ENTITY STATUS (If applicable, divide TOTAL by 2)									
[] Verified Statement enclosed, if not previously filed.									
[] Reduction for Extension Fee of ____ months already paid									
[] OTHER:									
TOTAL									00.00

[] A check is enclosed to cover the fees as calculated above.

[] The fees calculated above are to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

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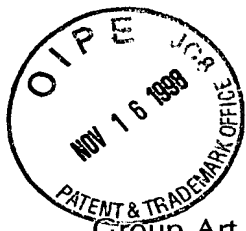
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AMENDMENT

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 11, 1998.

By W.R. [Signature]

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 1998, please consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A bowling accessory, comprising:
a mechanism for retaining the accessory to a bowler's finger;
a pad having one or more projections for contacting a bowling ball, said pad associated with said retaining mechanism, and said pad having an arcuate surface, said projections having desired configuration such that when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball, the projections flatten providing a larger surface on the ball to enhance contact with the ball.